

## Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste Recycling for Small Scale Projects and Remodeling

Construction waste from home remodeling or even changing plumbing fixtures can be recycled for less than the cost of trash. There are many places homeowners or small businesses can bring C&D waste in a pickup truck or car. Metal or mostly metal items can be recycled at no cost, and can be put in your home recycling bin as long as it fits in the container with the lid closed. A more detailed guide for construction companies can be downloaded from [www.SBrecycles.org](http://www.SBrecycles.org), or you can call 564-5677 for more information.



### WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

Drywall, stucco, concrete, masonry, cardboard, asphalt, greenwaste, wood, carpet, metal, fixtures, dirt, tiles, rock, roofing, bricks, plaster, sinks, toilets, and other ceramics. They can be separated or mixed together.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

There are three basic methods for construction and demolition (C&D) waste recycling: salvage, source separated recycling, and mixed waste recycling. Salvage is great for the fixtures, but source separated recycling and mixed recycling are more appropriate for most demolition waste.

#### Salvage

Usable materials and fixtures are removed and given or sold to someone who will incorporate them into new construction. Vintage or high-end doors, windows, plumbing fixtures, porcelain, lighting fixtures, or other elements can be sold to businesses that specialize in used building materials. All usable construction scraps can be given or sold to others via materials exchanges and classified advertising. Salvage is the least expensive way to dispose of reusable items, and has the greatest environmental benefit.

## Salvage

### High End Salvage Businesses

Call for details about which items they accept or buy and pickup information. You can also buy used building materials from these businesses.

- **Architectural Salvage**, 965-2446, 726 Anacapa St.  
Vintage items with architectural styling only. Wrought iron gates and grates, doors, windows, plumbing and light fixtures, pedestal sinks, and more.  
Willing to evaluate items before demo.
- **Demo 2 Design**, 886-6865, Two retail sites: Cominichi's (Mom's ) 421 E. Cota St., and Antique Center Mall, 4434 Hollister Ave.  
Solid core doors, windows, clean toilets & sinks (no tubs at present), lighting fixtures, and flooring.
- **Door and Window Restoration**, 452-4433, Corner Quinientos St. & Nopal St.  
Older and unique doors and windows, lumber, hardware, and fixtures. Willing to take items on consignment.
- **Habitat for Humanity**: 692-2226, parking lot sales, still looking for a permanent location.  
Lumber, cabinetry, plumbing fixtures, windows, doors and other architectural salvage. No carpet, furniture or appliances. Donated items must be in salable condition, no damage or deterioration. Windows must be dual glazed, doors must be solid core.
- **TAIPAN**, 845-5625, 214 Helena Ave  
Vintage and contemporary architectural details, appliances, furniture, doors, windows, glass, hardware, cabinets, countertops, fireplaces, railings, gates, plumbing and electrical fixtures, stainless, stone, tile, flooring, lumber, molding, decorative iron, skylights, garden, fountains, project leftovers, and more.  
Will pick up discarded materials at your home/jobsite. Licensed and insured dismantling services. Receive objective qualified advice on how products work with your design/ construction program. Consignments for exceptional items.

### Internet Classifieds

This is free, easy, and fast. You may get a taker in the same day.

- **Craigslist**. Santa Barbara internet classifieds at <http://santabarbara.craigslist.org/>.

### Printed Classified Advertising

Get the following papers, or shop ads online.

- **Santa Barbara Independent**  
Shop ads at [www.independent.com](http://www.independent.com). Place ads by calling 965-5208. Free *Treasure Hunt* ads for a single item priced at \$80 or less. Email ads to [treasurehunt@independent.com](mailto:treasurehunt@independent.com).

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### Printed Classified Advertising

- **Santa Barbara News Press**

Shop ads at [www.newspress.com](http://www.newspress.com). *Building Materials Exchange* ads are on Wednesdays, and the *Classified Attic* for merchandise priced at \$75 or less is on Tuesdays. *Classified Attic* ads are not available on line. Place ads at [class.newspress.com](http://class.newspress.com), or call 963-4391.

### Source Separated Recycling

You sort the waste into different containers, piles, or trucks depending on material type. You can get a large debris box or rolloff placed on site (collection), hire someone to truck it for you (paid hauling), or haul it yourself (self haul). For example, there might be a pile for wood and green waste only, another one for concrete and asphalt only, and one for metal only. The already-sorted materials are brought to one or different facilities that accept pure materials. For non-reusable waste, source separated recycling is the least expensive method for disposal/recycling.

### Mixed Waste Recycling

All waste is placed in one container or truck. You can get collection in a debris box or rolloff, pay for hauling, or self haul. The waste is brought to a mixed waste processing facility and sorted into categories such as wood, concrete, dirt, metal, and trash by facility workers. Mixed waste recycling does not entail any extra labor at the construction site, and the you simply bring it to a recycling facility rather than the dump. Mixed waste recycling is more expensive than source separated, but still costs less than disposal as trash.

### WHERE DOES IT GO?

See Table 1 for a detailed breakdown of the materials accepted by each facility.

**Collection** (they drop a container at your site): MarBorg, BFI, Progressive, and/or M&M Scrap Metals. You can choose any company regardless of who picks up your ordinary trash and recycling.

**Paid Hauling or Self Haul** (you or the person you hire brings it in): MarBorg, Lash Construction, Granite Construction, Santa Barbara Iron & Scrap Metal, South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

See Table 1 for a summarized cost comparison for different materials. Call the facilities to determine exact rates and minimum quantity charges. If you have a small amount, the Transfer Station has lower minimum rates than MarBorg.

**Table 1: Santa Barbara South Coast C&D Waste Recycling Services and Processors**

WASTE HANDLERS THAT OFFER HAULING & DISPOSAL/RECYCLING								WASTE PROCESSORS THAT DON'T OFFER HAULING (self haul or contract your own transportation)			
BFI 965-5248		M & M Scrap Metal 964-9128	Progressive Waste 564-2654	MarBorg (hauling & drop off) 963-1852	Granite Construction 964-9951	Lash Construction 963-3553	SB Iron & Metal 966-4468	Transfer Station 681-4345			
Mixed Wastes											
C & D Waste	\$\$\$\$			\$\$\$\$				\$\$\$\$			
Mixed Inerts	\$\$\$\$			\$\$\$\$				\$\$\$\$			
Rubble	\$\$\$			\$		\$		\$\$\$\$			
Asphalt/Conc. w/Metal	\$\$\$				\$			\$\$\$\$			
Asapht/Conc. w/o Metal	\$\$\$			\$	\$	\$		\$\$\$\$			
Pure Materials											
Dirt Only				\$				\$			
Wood Only	\$\$\$		\$\$\$	\$\$\$				\$			
Green Waste Only	\$\$\$		\$\$\$	\$\$\$				\$			
Cardboard Only	Free			Free				Free			
Metal Only	Free	Payment		Free			Payment	\$			
Appliances w/o Freon	Free			Free			Payment	Free			
Appliances w/Freon (ea )				\$				\$			
Carpet				\$\$\$				\$\$\$\$			
Sinks, Tubs, Toilets				Free				\$\$\$\$			